

and dread any excitement or fatigue. I am very much relieved to know that you are to keep your place as Librarian. It makes the way clear for you for another year and I am thankful. Of course we don't feel any more at liberty to spend even if there should be some left in nursery business this year. I am willing to hear any thing you may have to say about the and have on some subjects great respect for your opinions, but we will leave all that till you come home. Papu says tell you the fare on ~~rd~~ R.R. from Niles is now reduced to \$1.15 to Oakland. Let us know if you will come Friday eve or Sat. morn. Shall be glad to see Rhoda but ~~should~~

think she would rather come when she can stay longer.

The strawberries will  
must washing. If I

washed them  
they would not  
carry so well.

I would send  
along a bottle  
of cream but  
the postal law  
forbids sending  
liquids by mail.

acknowledge  
the strawberries  
to Papu. He

was so good about  
it went out -  
and helped me  
pick them and  
fix the day

I am very sure there  
is nothing in the vegetable line  
that is silver the florists call  
any leaves that have white  
vari (I believe I don't know how  
to spell that word, guess I better  
say) spots; argent. It seems to me  
your motto would be prettier  
~~and~~ if you would cut out the  
U.C. from gold paper, and the  
79. from silver paper and  
then sprinkle <sup>blue</sup> flowers all  
over both not thick enough  
to hide the silver and gold.  
You could make little holes  
in the paper and put the stems  
through and have some letters  
cut out of paste board and



Say to Mrs. Sill that if it would be pleasant for her to come up and bring both Mr and Mrs Sumner we have plenty of space of spare rooms. You must indeed.

and give the gold and silver letters on to the paste board ones after the flowers were put in. This would hold them in place. If you would like I can send you a quantity of blue Lubelin for that use.

If you do not like the idea I can think of nothing so good as the back side of some of those fern leaves as to your poem all I can say is, don't worry over it, such things generally come out all right and one is sure to wonder afterwards that they could have got themselves into such a state of mind.

As to what Mrs. Sill said on the boat of L. C., it was very absurd of you to try to assume the responsibility. I always

Spurs  
Chumma

thought

it quite enough for a person to be accountable for their own tongue without being responsible for anybody else's. However I have lived long enough and been through with scares enough of that kind to be willing almost to insure that nothing unpleasant would come of it. When one's back is turned and the rattle of the cars added a person in the next seat hears very little and Mrs. Sill never talks loud.

I must say I think it was rude for Mrs. Sill not to reply to my invitation, a postal written by any member of the family would have been all sufficient, but it doesn't matter I shall not lay it to heart. As to coming down I do not expect to go down. I am not very well







Niles Cahill 3/18



Miss M. W. Shinn  
Berkeley  
Cal. <sup>a</sup>